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BLOOMFIELD AND MONTCLAIR.

An independent weekly journal of LIT
ERATURE, EDUCATION, POLITICS, GENERAL
NEWS AND LOCAL INTERESTS.

All public and local questions, including
political and social, sanitary and reforma-
tory, educational and industrial topics will
be clearly presented and fully and fairly dis-
cussed.

It is intended and expected to make it
not only readable and interesting to the
general reader, but of special value to citi-
zens of the county and of real importance to
every resident of Bloomfield, Montclair
and Caldwell.

Nothing will be admitted to its columns
that is unworthy of cordial welcome to
every family circle.

Settled Clergymen in the county and all
Public School Teachers in the county will
receive the paper gratuitously by sending their
address.

It should prove a valuable medium for
advertisers. Our weekly circulation ex-
tends to every part of Essex county, and
considerably elsewhere. SUBSCRIPTIONS
and ADVERTISEMENTS will be received in
Montclair, by E. Madison, in Caldwell,
by M. Harrison, in Verona, by W. L.
Scott, in Newark, by W. H. Winans, 445
Broad street, and at our office in Bloom-
field, or by mail to Wm. P. Lyon, Editor,
and Proprietor, Bloomfield, N. J.

TO SUBSCRIBERS

Subscribers who have not paid their
subscriptions for the present year will con-
fer a favor by enclosing the same to Wm.
P. Lyon, Bloomfield. The \$3.00 subscrip-
tions received for the second volume ex-
pired on the 14th of Feb. Their renewal
requires \$1.75 to be paid, which will run to
the end of the present volume in De-
cember next.

Any subscriber is entitled to have an ex-
tra copy sent to any address, by the pay-
ment of \$1.00. We hope many will avail
themselves of this offer. Our Caldwell
readers will be gratified with the increased
interest for their village which our col-
umn indicates. We hope to receive a
large accession to our subscription list
there and also in Verona. The Post-
masters have consented to take the names
and money and forward them to us. We
hope our friends everywhere will rally to
our support and encouragement by prompt
responses.

DISCUSSION VS. CONTROVERSY.

The GAZETTE has labored long enough in
these communities to be well understood
except by the few who are wilfully per-
sistent. But no one will accuse us of de-
parting from the principles we avowed in
the beginning of this enterprise. An ap-
peal to the files of our paper will certainly
vindicate our title to respect for consis-
tency.

For "Controversy," as we have hitherto
stated, we have no heart; it rarely, if ever,
further the ends of truth or love. There-
fore we shall maintain an inveterate re-
pugnance to it; but free and fair investi-
gations, independent and logical discussions
of all proper subjects, we both practice
ourselves and encourage in our contribu-
tors. We are not afraid of the truth. It
will be scanning, turning, viewing in
every light; it is neither dismayed nor
ashamed by full ventilation and the most
rigid scrutiny.

Our outspoken candor in reference to
late town matters in Bloomfield has, we
are happy to say, attracted general atten-
tion and elicited free comments. That is
just what we desired and expected. It is
regretted that any should have made un-
warranted and unfair inferences. We have
not impugned any man's motives or prin-
ciples; but, in our remarks upon the Town
Committee's annual report, we felt that our
duty to our townsmen required that we
should express clearly and unequivocally
their dissatisfaction with a mere array of
tables and figures, without explanations
in detail, and without evidence to vouch
for correctness and fidelity.

So of the election. We have higher sense
of our responsibility and of our duty to
our fellow citizens at large, than to com-
promise right principles and jeopard the
very bulwark of their freedom by allowing
the ballot box—that palladium of our lib-
ties—to be controlled and the ballots
handled and counted by men, technically
irresponsible and unaccountable, without raising
our voice at the "irregularity" that at
least it may not be appealed to hereafter
as a precedent. As we are neither sycoph-
ants, nor time servers, we speak frankly
and earnestly, because we feel deeply, and
we know the people lay these things to
heart. Our business is with principles.
Our remarks have no personal bearing.
We ourselves voted for all the officers elected
but two. And it will give us pleasure
when we shall find occasion to commend
the doings of the officers now entering
upon their duties. They certainly may
rely upon fair criticism in our columns,
and if offense be at any time evoked, its
source will be traced to the popular mind,
whence we claim to derive our inspiration,
on practical local affairs at least. We
shall ever be true to the people and to
the best interests of the town.

The pleasant and brightly letters of our
Caldwell correspondent are attracting at-
tention.

THE SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

The Second Annual Institute of Essex
County, will be held in Bloomfield next
week, beginning Tuesday morning. The
roll will be called at ten o'clock; and in
the afternoon, at half past two. On the re-
maining three days the sessions will begin
at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M. respectively.

Teachers are required to bring with
them blank-books in which to take notes
of the proceedings; instruction in refer-
ence to this will be given at the opening
of the institute. Use will be made of
these notes before final adjournment.

As the hotels and boarding houses will
not be able to accommodate all the teach-
ers, the citizens have very hospitably
opened their homes to entertain the ladies
during the week. We hope that the in-
tercourse which by these means will
take place between the people of the town
and the teachers of the county, will not
be mutually agreeable, but that it will
produce increased interest among parents
and the citizens generally, in our own
schools.

This season of the year is in some re-
spects unfavorable for holding such a
meeting: moving, house-cleaning, and other
domestic matters tend to keep the heads
of households pretty closely con-
fined at home. But if they will make a
little sacrifice of convenience, and pos-
sibly some of this important business for a
week or two, they may rest assured that
the personal benefit gained, and the gen-
eral interest in our schools which will re-
sult from this attention, will fully repay
them for their trouble.

In addition to the usual programme on
such occasions, particular attention will
be given to the subject of elocution and
reading. These exercises will be con-
ducted by Prof. J. M. Watson and Miss Laura
A. Vail, both well known for great success
in their profession.

Classes of children, also, will be
brought before the Institute to illustrate
methods and results of primary instruc-
tion. The Lectures on Tuesday, Wednes-
day and Thursday evenings will be of un-
usual interest, and particularly suited to a
general audience.

We anticipate a full attendance on the
part of teachers and the public gener-
ally.

HOME MATTERS.

BLOOMFIELD.

WATER CIRCULAR.

Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre.

March 19 30 31 22 24 25 26

At 7 A. M. 50° 40° 31° 43° 30° 15° 24°

At Noon 57° 44° 48° 44° 33° 37° 40°

At 6 P. M. 52° 41° 46° 44° 24° 38° 41°

W. R. PATTER.

Franklin Street Improvements.

Most of our citizens have probably no-
ticed the erection of a number of nicely
appearing brick and frame houses on
Franklin and Race streets. Yet there are
only a few perhaps who know the extent of
this improvement.

There are in all upwards of 25 houses
situated as follows—on Franklin Ave. a
row of twelve brick houses two story and
french roof—also one frame house just
completed and ready for occupancy—on
Race st., six two story brick houses—on
Oakland Ave., a street running parallel
with Franklin; there are 14 frame
houses, a row of seven on either side of
the street—The row on the East side of this
street will be two story and french roof.

There are also on Newark Ave., the
street into which the horse cars turn from
Franklin st., six three story brick houses
with brown stone trimmings. These last
are especially well fitted with water and
gas, and all are hand finished and furnish-
ed with marble mantels.

There is also a two story factory which
may be rented.

All these buildings have been erected
under the immediate and careful super-
vision of the owner Mr. Thos. O'Leary.

We understand that it is the policy of
Mr. O'Leary to offer these houses at such
prices and terms as will place a pleasant
home within the reach of the humblest me-
chanic.

Several of these houses have already
been rented and more will soon be. Gib-
son, from Newark, and Colegrove, from
Jersey City, occupy two of them.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.—We are fre-
quently asked, but are unable to say what
progress the Committee on the Pastorate
is making towards calling a new Pastor.
We believe they are giving the subject dis-
tinct attention and have listened to several
clergymen, deemed eligible and open to a
call, who have preached from the pulpits
of neighboring towns. One thing we are
assured of that this church has been very
fortunate in engaging Rev. Dr. D. B. Coe.
to supply the pulpit till another pastor
shall be settled. Last Sunday morning it
was our pleasure to listen to a rich treat
from Dr. Coe, founded on the text: "Can a
man be profitable unto God?"—Job 22:3.
Never was man more completely stripped
of all personal claims and of the shadow of
merit of the divine clemency, than in this
very able and exhaustive discourse, so re-
plete with light, instructive in thought,
and convincing in argument.

Rev. A. C. FARRALL will fill the pul-
pit of the First Presbyterian Church, next
Sunday morning.

We understand that Mr. Samuel Benson
has sold one of his houses on Highland
Avenue, Ridgewood to Mr. John Graham
of Flushing for \$9,000. Lot 100x140 feet.
Mr. Graham gets possession 1st of April
and designs to make it his residence.

Mr. John Tenny has rented another of
Mr. Benson's Highland Ave. houses which
he will occupy next month.

Preparations are making for a first class
side walk on Bloomfield Avenue from
Highland Avenue to Ridgewood Depot.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.

The new Town Committee held their
first session last Friday evening. All
present.

James C. Beach was elected President
for the ensuing year.

The following Standing Committees were
then appointed:

On Sidewalks, Crosswalks and Lamps—
John Sherman, Samuel J. Potter.

On Roads—C. Van Houten, W. Richards,
J. B. Reford.

On Poor and the Poorhouse—C. Van
Houten, W. Richards.

On Public Grounds—Thomas Oakes, W.
Richards, J. B. Reford.

The following officers appeared and filed
their oaths of fidelity:

Town Clerk—John F. Folson.

Judge of Election—John Hall.

Collector—Ira Campbell.

Commissioners of Appeals—Wm. Cad-
mus, Thos. J. Langstroth.

Assessor—Joseph K. Oakes.

Overseer of Poor—James M. Walker.

Constables—Moses Davis, George W.
Ferry.

The Collector, Town Clerk and Overseer
of Poor also entered into the required
bonds.

The Clerk was ordered to notify the
taxpayers in the several sidewalk districts to
meet on Monday evening, March 30th,
to vote on appropriations for grading.

Dist. 1. At School House at Brookdale.

2. At Friendship Hall.

3. At C. Pierson's Store.

4. At Railroad Depot.

W. K. Williamson, Esq., was elected
Town Counselor.

Dr. C. H. Bailey was elected Town
Physician.

Regular meetings of the Township
Committee are to be held on the 2nd and
4th Friday of each month at 3 p.m.

RECONSIDERED.—At the request of Justice

Hall a recount was made on Tuesday of
the votes polled at the late Town Elec-
tion for Overseer of the Poor. The result
of this recount seems to prove that the
original canvass gave to Walker, the suc-
cessful candidate a majority, 100 per cent
more than that is to say in the former count
he had a majority of four, in this it is only
two.

A meeting of the officers and managers
of the Ladies' Relief Committee of Bloom-
field will be held at the residence of Mrs.
Jason Crane on Thursday April 2d. at
3 o'clock P. M.—Mrs. R. N. Dodd, Sec'y.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE LADIES' RELIEF

Society, for the week ending March 24th
1874. Received from Wm. J. Madison,
order for meat—\$5. Disbursements—\$18-
50.

Miss A. L. WARD, Treas.

MONTCLAIR.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

UPPER MONTCLAIR MAIL.—Arrive at
10:53 A. M. Close at 2:00 P. M.

Some citizens dissatisfied with the way
things have been done the past year, called
a meeting at Jacobus Hall on Tuesday eve-
ning for consultation. There were some
fifty or more, including many of the solid
men of Montclair.

The conference ended in a determination
to support a citizen's non-partisan ticket.
A committee of seven were appointed to
draft resolutions and select names for
Town Officers to be presented at an ad-
journed meeting on Friday Evening 27th.

The Republican Primary meeting is cal-
led for Friday Evening April 2d at Jaco-
bus Hall at 8 o'clock.

The Town Election will take place on
Tuesday the 7th of April.

Rev. J. L. Maxwell exchanged pulpits
last Sunday with Rev. T. J. Danner of
Bloomfield.

FULLERTON AVE.—Mr. Mills is entitled
to the credit for liberality and promptitude
in the matter of Street Improvement. The
grade of Fullerton Ave. having been fixed
by the Town Engineer, a gang of men,
horses, carts and tools have been at work
this week to reduce the level to the estab-
lished grade. The excavation amounts to
sixteen or twenty inches in depth, we
should judge, and the surplus earth is
wisely used to fill up the deep ravine cre-
ated by the Fullerton Ave. extension.

We hope it is not true that Mr. Mills
is proposing to leave half of the road-width
undisturbed, a foot or more higher than
the improved part. It is incredible that
he should be willing to see that beautiful
Avenue botched in that way. The im-
provement is understood to be a hard grav-
el road. The gravel is brought from
Pompton and is to be six to nine in-
ches thick on the road. Many are skepti-
cal about its permanence.

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WEST END EAST.

"Westward the Star of Empire," &c.
Montclair, Mar. 23, 1874.

MR. EDITOR:

Living as I do in the beautiful
West End of this charming Village, and
remembering, also, that Bloomfield has its
elevated and enchanting West End, I take
the liberty of sending you an explanation,
taken from an old English Magazine, of the
physical and organic reasons of the uni-
versal preference of the West over the East.
I hope you will be able to give it a place
and oblige a

CONSTANT READER.

WEST END.

Most persons think that the reason why
the west end of London or New York is
more fashionable than the east, is nothing
more than the topographical situation of
the capital. But the Academy of Sciences
at Paris has pronounced this opinion to be
a delusion, as we learn from an article in
the London Athenaeum. In the first place,
it appears that it is not only in London, but
at Paris, Vienna, Berlin, Turin, St. Peters-
burgh, and almost every other capital in

Europe—at Liege, Caen, Montpellier, Toul-
ouse, and several other large towns—
wherever, in fact, there are not great local
obstacles—the tendency of the wealthier
inhabitants to group themselves to the
west is almost as strongly marked as in
the "great metropolis." In the second
place, at Pompeii and other ancient towns
the same thing may be noticed; and in
the third place, where the local situation
of the town necessitates an increase in a
different direction, the moment the obsta-
cle ceases, houses spread toward the west.
This last fact may, it is stated, be particu-
larly observed at Rome, and to a certain
extent, at Edinburgh.

When, then, all cities and towns have
their best district in the west, it is pretty
clear that the cause of it must be some gen-
eral law entirely distinct from local
situation. What is that law? "It arises
from the atmospheric pressure," answers
the Academy of Sciences. "When the bar-
ometric column rises, smoke and pernici-
ous emanations rapidly evaporate in space.
In the contrary case we see that smoke
and pernicious vapors remain in apart-
ments and on the surface of the soil. Now,
every one knows that of all winds, that
which causes the greatest ascension of the
barometric column is that of the east, and
that which lowers the most is the west.
When the latter blows, it has the incon-
venient consequence of carrying with it the
smoke of the town all the deleterious gases
which it meets in its passage over the
western parts. It results from that that
the inhabitants of the eastern part of the
town have to support not only their own
smoke and miasma, but those of the west-
ern part of the town, brought to them by
the west wind.

"When, on the contrary, the east wind
blows, it purifies the air by causing to as-
cend the pernicious emanations which it
cannot drive to the west. Consequently,
the inhabitants of the west receive pure air
from whatever part of the horizon it may
arrive; and it may be added that, as the
west winds are those which most frequent-
ly prevail, they are the first to receive the
pure and as it arrives from the country."

After thus explaining why the western
parts are the best, the Academy makes
the following recommendations:

1. That persons who have the liberty
of choice, and especially those of delicate
health, should reside in the western parts
of the town.

2. That all establishments from which
emanate pernicious vapors and gases
should be placed in the east.

3. That in building a house in a town,
and even in the country, the kitchens and
other dependencies from which pernicious
emanations may arise should be placed to
the east. The members of the Academy
who have announced the preceding recom-
mendations are, all of them, of European
reputation as savants.

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"UNEQUAL TAXATION."

REPLY TO E. R. M.

MR. EDITOR: In the GAZETTE of March
21st an article appears headed "Unequal
Taxation," in which the writer ascribes
"the mischief that has resulted in the
stand-still policy which governs so many of
our towns to the mismanagement of town
affairs under the form of unequal taxation,"
and then asks why land that is worth
thousands of dollars per acre should be
taxed one eighth of its value, while a part
that is sold for building lots is rated at
one half.

Your correspondent does not adduce
any instance of such unequal taxation, and
I take upon me to say that he cannot name
any such case in the township of Bloom-
field where the land of a whole farm or
tract has been sold for eight times its
assessed value.

In no case has any kind of land been
rated at less than about forty per cent of
its cash value. Of course the estimate of
the cash value has always been made ac-
cording to the best judgment of the As-
sessor, corrected by revision of the Town
Committee.

No candid man who knows anything of
the matter could make such a statement as
that above quoted from your Correspond-
ent's article.

In your Editorial notes you ask on what
principle and by what rules does he (the
Assessor) discriminate between the land
comprised in a thirty acre lot, or a fifty
acre lot and several two acre lots located
between them, and all in the lamp dis-
trict.

I do not know what particular lots you
refer to, but probably the two acre lots
border on a public road and are in good
position for building purposes, while the
fifty or thirty acre lot is to be put on an
equality with the two acre lots would re-
quire to have roads laid out and graded
through it, at great expense and with such
loss of the quantity of the land as the
roads would cover.

You may recollect, Mr. Editor, that a
little more than a year ago there was a com-
mittee appointed by a town meeting to in-
vestigate the Assessor's valuations. After a
long and searching investigation, that com-
mittee, by its chairman, reported that
the valuations on the whole were about
right, that is comparatively.

The Assessor would invite any of the
taxpayers of Bloomfield, so disposed, to call
at his office to inform themselves of the
valuations of property.

May not the "mischief" of which your
correspondent speaks of, be more justly
ascribed to other causes, viz: the large
prices asked by land owners, the dull times,
the heavy county tax, with the prospect of
its being largely increased every year and
the fact that some of the money raised by
taxation has not been much of a public
benefit, and, as said by an orator at the last
Town meeting, has gone to—mud!

ASSASSIN.

NOTE.—Our Correspondent, E. R. M.,
did not adduce instances of whole
farms being sold at eight times the assessed
value. That was not his point. The
point was, if we rightly apprehended his
article, that a farm which would not be sold
by the owners for eight times the assessed
value, when a portion of it was bought
for building lots, then the assessment on
those lots is immediately raised to eight
times the previous valuation. But E. R.
M. can speak for himself.—Eo.

CALDWELL—THE GEM OF THE

HILLS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The "Young Ladies' Social Union"
gave another of their inimitable entertain-
ments on Friday evening last at the resi-
dence of Lambert Spear, Esq. The pro-
gramme, for this occasion, being of unusual
attractiveness, the full strength of the
"Union" was represented. Nor was there,
as the name of this association would seem
to indicate, an exclusiveness in regard to
sex. Masculine and feminine, in all the
fascination of a fashionable "make up,"
were there. It was just such a sprinkling
of genders that renders the present tense
under such favorable surroundings, "a
charming mood." Moreover, in addition
to youth and beauty, there was age and ex-
perience represented at this social gather-
ing. And all seemed happy if smiling
faces are any indication of the possession
of this desirable article. Well, is it not
true, that a genuine smile, especially when
it reflects the goodness of a humane heart,
is a lovely thing altogether? The fact is,
a creditable entertainment had been
provided by the membership of this
"Union" and they had an unquestionable
right to look smiling in consequence of it.

Miss Agnes Mead is the honored Presi-
dent of the Association, and right well
does she discharge the duties of her office.
She has evidently read, with profit, the
complicated intricacies of "Parliamentary
Law" for she manages to "put a motion"
and rule on a "point of order" with the
critical correctness of a thorough student
in such kind of tactics.

The "minutes of the previous meeting"
as read by the Secretary, Miss Fannie
Backus, were also a faithful record and
were expressed in language that would
have done credit to any organized body.
This was the opening proceedings of the
meeting.

Then followed a piece of music entitled
"Moonlight Musings" which was discus-
ed on the piano by Miss Jennie M. Spear.
If delicacy of touch, correct time and
thorough base are the essential requisites
to a good performance on this instrument,
then "Moonlight Musings" was a perfect
success. Next came a lengthy humorous
metrical recitation by Miss Maria Taylor,
followed by the reading of a "Hard" not
Soft. "Shell Methodist Sermon on Nature
and Noah," by J. D. Mead, Esq. This
sermon was originally published in The In-
dependent. Some idea of its profundity
will be had by its concluding pathos,
which is as follows:

"My brethren, as it was in the days of
Noah, so shall the coming of the Son of
Man be. The world will never be
drowned again. It will be not as afore-
time, but as a new world, with a new
heart. Oh! what will be the result, when
all sinners do on that awful day? They
will not feel fit to live, nor fit to die. They
will be put to put to their wits end, and
knock and straddle around in every
direction. For all at once, my brethren,
they will behold the heavens a darkening-
ah, the seas a roaring-ah, the mountains
a busting-ah, the mountains a melting-
ah, and everything, I think, will be in a
confused and unsettled state."

Mr. Mead must have caught some of the
inspiration of the author, for his reading
was natural and easy. At its conclusion
Mr. S. H. Bowman, who is a good reader,
interested the company by reading a poem
in blank verse.

The exercises were now diversified by
an amateur performance. The play was
entitled "Slang." Miss Mead, Miss Nettie
McChesny, Miss Sarah Ward, Miss Emma
Canfield and Mr. Emmens Canfield were
the leading actors. Of course the play
was replete with telling bits on the "slang
phrases" so much in use now even in re-
fined circles. Each character was faith-
fully delineated, and all the parts of the
performance admirably sustained. A flat-
tering acknowledgment followed its com-
pletion.

Miss Clara Beckus and Miss Mead now
entertained the company by brilliant man-
ipulations on the piano. Then followed
some very pretty enigmatical acting in
charades. The whole was concluded by
a beautifully executed Quartette in which
Miss Spear presided at the piano.

E. S. Laakom, Esq., and other gentle-
men, whose names I do not know, also
contributed much towards the amusement
of the evening. Upon the whole, the
"Social Union" is a decided success and
promises a great field for usefulness to the
young ladies and gentlemen of our vil-
lage.

The plans and specifications for the pro-
posed new Presbyterian church here are in
course of development by the architect,
Mr. Elchorn, of Newark.

With a return of settled weather, a new
school-house, which is to be a model of
architectural beauty, will be commenced.

Jonathan Prevost, Esq., one of the lead-
ing citizens of this village, sold five build-
ing lots last week.

The struggles incidental to a Christian
life, was the subject of Rev. Mr. Berry last
Sunday morning. Text—Exodus, xvii
chap., 8th to the 19th verse.

It may interest some to know—particu-
larly those contemplating a residence in
the country during the summer